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for the conduits of said water in its entry into the said town, or if such owner is under any disability or incapacity to contract, or absent, or unknown, the said Water Board of Laurel is hereby clothed with the power of condemnation under the right of eminent domain, as provided in Section one hundred and sixty-seven of Article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland as fully as if said section had been herein incorporated; and their manner and procedure in condemnation for the purposes of this Act shall in all particulars be the same as is provided by said Section one hundred and sixty-seven of said Article 23. The four citizens' names in this Act shall serve one for one year, one for two years, one for three years and one for four years, shall on the organization of the board draw lots for their several terms, and at the expiration of each term of office the Mayor and City Council shall elect a person to serve three years, and a vacancy by death, resignation or removal from the town to be filled by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council; and said Water Board shall organize within thirty days after the adoption of this Act by the people, by electing a president, secretary and treasurer, and shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection. The said Water Board of Laurel shall have full power to fix schedules of rates for furnishing water to private residences and other buildings, and also in case of the purchase or construction of an electric-light plant shall have like power to fix schedules of rates for lighting residences and other buildings, and the said Mayor and City Council shall have power to collect the same as other taxes are collected, and the income thereof shall be applied as above indicated, first for expenses and maintenance, and afterwards for the payment of interest and sinking fund to meet the bonds at maturity.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the title to said water works and all lands, estates and watercourses, waterways, conduits, pipes, machinery and all other parts thereto shall, when completed or acquired, vest in the Mayor and City Council of Laurel; and every person who shall knowingly or wilfully pollute any spring, stream, brook, watercourse, reservoir or standpipe in connection with the said water works so built or constructed by throwing any impure or deleterious substance or thing into the same, or by swimming, bathing or washing themselves, or by washing clothes or any other unclean or impure thing therein, or by committing any nuisance in or near the sources of supply or the reservoir or standpipe for said water works, so as to pollute the same shall,